Secretary to Government, Local Self-Government and Planning Departments, on all important questions relating to conduct of elections to the local bodies.

3. The Commissioner for Local Self-Government, the Deputy Commissioners of Districts and other officers connected with the local bodies are requested to extend their full co-operation to the Chief Electoral Officer and Joint Secretary to Government, Elections, in the discharge of his new duties.

N. PUTTARANGASWAMY,
*Chief Secretary to Government.*

**Directs that Procurement of Paddy by Government during 1953-54 harvest season may be made on a voluntary basis from growers only at a fixed price.**

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. Camp 1/53-54, dated the 18th October 1953, from the Director of Food Supplies in Mysore, forwarding the proceedings of the Meeting of the Deputy Commissioners of Districts held on 18th October 1953 at Mysore under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Home and Industries, regarding the policy of procurement of paddy for 1953-54 in the Mysore State.

ORDER No. S.D. 6446-57—C. 96-53-15, DATED BANGALORE, THE 9TH NOVEMBER 1953.

The policy of procurement of foodgrains for 1953-54 in the Mysore State was liscussed at the meeting of the Deputy Commissioners of Districts held on 18th October 1953 at Mysore under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Home and ndustries. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts stated that in view of the avourable seasonal conditions, the harvest of paddy this year will be a good one, nd there were already indications of a possible steep fall in the price at which addy may be transacted in the open market after the harvest. In the context of failure of crops in the previous years, it would not be desirable to allow the open narket prices to go down to uneconomic levels. In the peculiar circumstances of his year, it is considered necessary that a minimum economic price is guaranteed o the producer. With this end in view, Government consider it necessary to rocure paddy during 1953-54 harvest season and the purpose of a minimum uaranteed price would be best served by a system of voluntary purchase of paddy y Government at a fixed price. Government have therefore decided—

(1) that there would be no procurement of millets,
(2) that purchase of paddy may be on a voluntary basis from growers only, and
(3) that the price of I variety of paddy be reduced to Rs. 22 (Rupees twenty-two) per palla, and that of II variety of paddy to Rs. 20 (Rupees twenty) per palla.

The Government of India have approved the above procurement scheme and rocurement prices of paddy.

The Director of Food Supplies in Mysore is requested to make immediate ecessary arrangements to give effect to the above decision.

N. PUTTARANGASWAMY,
*Chief Secretary to Government.*

## FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

**Orders deletion of Provisions pertaining to District Funds and Village Panchayet Funds contained in Articles 366 to 375 of the Mysore Financial Code.**

EAD—

Letter No. 234—C.S.A., dated the 14th September 1953, from the Controller, State Accounts epartment, Bangalore, stating that the rules relating to finance and accounts contained in the ysore Village Panchayets and District Boards Act, 1952, will be incorporated in the revised lition of the Mysore District Board Accounts Manual when the same is issued in print, by the sue of correction slips thereto.

G.O. No. FL. (B) 10232-45—C.R. 17-53-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 2ND NOVEMBER 1953.

As the rules relating to finance and accounts contained in the Mysore Village anchayets and District Boards Act, 1952, are to be incorporated in the District oard Accounts and Village Panchayet Manuals, the existing provisions pertaining

to District Funds and Village Panchayet Funds contained in Articles 366 to 375 of the Mysore Financial Code, Volume I, and Appendix XVII referred to thereunder, are deleted.

Necessary amendments to the Mysore Financial Code, Volume I, will issue separately.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
*Secretary to Government,*
*Finance Department.*

**Issues certain instructions regarding verification of Proposition Statements by the Accountant General, Mysore.**

## OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

No. FL. (B). 10325-425—C.R. 19-53-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 4TH NOVEMBER 1953.

As per Article 154 of the Mysore Financial Code, Volume I, the proposition statement (in duplicate) on the proposal for revision should be forwarded to Government through the Accountant General, who will verify the present scale or state the present cost as the case may be, according to his audit register.

In future, verification of the proposition statement by the Accountant General will be confined to cases of very complicated establishments. The Accountant General will check only such proposition statements which have been forwarded to him for verification either by the Department or by Government in view of their complicated nature.

The work of verification of the correctness of the facts regarding the "present establishment" is the function of the executive authority, and if a sanctioning authority is to exercise its functions satisfactorily, he should maintain adequate records and statistics of his own sanctions and be in possession of a full picture of the present establishment.

In respect of proposition statements not sent to the Accountant General, Mysore, for his verification, they will be verified in the concerned Administrative Secretariats.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
*Secretary to Government*
*Finance Department.*

**Revised rates of Centage Charges towards Establishment and Tools and Plant in respect of the works of several departments and also of the Local Bodies executed by the Public Works Department.**

ORDER NO. FL. (B) 10430-530—C.R. 20-53-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 4TH NOVEMBER 1953.

At present, centage charges towards Establishment and Tools and Plant in respect of the works of several departments and also of the Local Bodies executed by the Public Works Department are being recovered at different rates in respect of different departments or Local Bodies. While under the District Boards and Village Panchayet Act, Corporation Act and City Municipalities Act the charges leviable are those determined by Government, they are subject to a maximum of 3 per cent under the Town Municipalities Act.

It is considered desirable that there should be a uniform rate applicable to all the departments. It is, therefore, directed that in cases in which a Public Works Division executes works on behalf of Government and non-Governmental